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ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976

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1. WITH CONGRESS OW BEIGINNING TO DETERMINE STATUS OF
MAAGS, MILGRPS AND SIMILAT ORGANIZATIONS, I WISH TO REITERATE
THE VIEWS I HAVE EXPRESSED IN REF A AND REF B (SECTION C(2)
E(7)) THAT MINTENANCE OF US DEL JBUSMC IS CLEARLY JUSTIIFED IN TERMS
OF OUR BROAD BILATERAL INTERESTS WITH BRA8). AS I HAVE NOTED
JBUSMC CAME INTO BEING DURING TTHE SECOND WORLD WAR AND HAS
ANTECEDENTS IN THE SEPARATE SERVICES PRE-DATING WWII. UNDER
THE 1955 AGREEMENT JBUSMC IS THE PRINCIPAL AGNECY IN BRAZIL
FOR FACILITATING BILATERAL MILITARY COOPERATION, INCLUDING
JOINT PLANNING, RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE.
EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND PROMOTION OOF STANADARD-
IZATION/RATIONALIZATION BETWEEN FORCES. SECURITY ASSISTANCE
ADMINSTRATION IS IN FACT A SECONDARY FACET OF JBUSMC'S RELA-
TIONSHIP WITH TEH GOB.

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2. WE BELIEVE THERE ARE FRESH AND IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONSIDERA-
TIONS THAT REINFORCE THE CASE FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF JBUSMC
ALREADY MADE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF BRAZIL'S RENUNCIATION
OOF FY-78 SECURITY ASSITANCE AND DENUCIATION OF THE 1952
MUTUAL ASSITANCE DEFENSE TREATY. PRIMARILY AS I HAVE
POINTED OUT IN REFTELS WE SHOULD NOT BE THE RESULT OF

GOB INITIATIVE AND NOT OURS. FOR US TO BE THE RESULT OF
GOB INITIATIVE AND NOT OURS. FOR US TO BE THE AUTHORS OF
JBUSMC'S DEMISE WOULD CONVEY TO BRAZIL BOTH THE FEELING THAT
WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN FURTHER MILITARY JOINT COOPERATION
AND THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN HIS MEANS TO RETALIATE FOR GOB'S
RENUNCIATIONS (STEPS WE PREFER TO VIEW AS A
LIMITED SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO THE ISSURANCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORTS).

3. JBUSMC IS A USEFUL CHANNEL OF ONTACT AND POTENTIAL
INFLUENCE WITH THE POLITICALLY POTENT BRAZILIAN MILITARY
JUST AS IT IS MODERNIZING AND DEVELOPING ITS FORCE.
THAT WAS TRUE BEFORE THE RENUNCIATIONS/DENUNCIATION AND REMAINS
VALIS TADAY. WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT MOST OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
AMRED FORCES AND STILL WELL DISPOSED TO THE US, AND
VALUES OUR ADVICE, DOCTRINE, WEAPONS AND ECHNO
LOGY.

USDEL'S RECENT EDUCATIONAL EFFORT WITH THEIR BRAZILIAN
OPPOSITES TO HELP GOB UNDERSTAND FALLOUT OF RENUNCIATION/
DENOUCIATION CONFERMED THIS. ACCESS TO THE MILITARY AND
A FAVORABLE DISPOSITION TOWARD THE US ON THEIR PART WILL
REMAIN VERY IMPOTANT FOCTORS IN WAHTEVER PROSPECTS THERE
MAY BE DURING SOME FUTURE EAST/WEST CONTINGENCY FOR ACCESS
TO BASSES AND FACICLITIES. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MEANS TO
EXPLOIT GOODWILL TOWARDS THE US THAT IN GENERAL CONTINUES
TO EXIST IN BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES TODAY DESPITE THE
THE NATIONALISTIC AND AGGRESIVE POSTURE GOB (INCLUDING SOME
SENIOR MILITARY HAS STRUCK OVER NUCLEAR PRESSURES AND HUMAN
RIGHTS REPORT.

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4. WE RECONIZE TAT THE ADMINISTRATION MUST WEIGH THE
VALUE OF JBUSMC WITHIN THE LIKELY CONGRESSIONAL LIMITS ON
MILGROUPS, AND THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO FIND JBUSMC FROM
APPROPRIATIONS OTHEGSTHAN FOR SECURITY ASSITANCE. IF THAT
IS NECESSARY, WE BELIVE IT IN THE INTEREST OF OUR RELATIOANS
WITH BRAZIL THAT IT BE DONE.
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